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SUBJ: LIBYAN- TUNISIAN AGREEMENTS

REF: A) TRIPOLI 0784; B) TUNIS 3261

COMMENTING ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED LIBYAN- TUNISIAN AGREEMENTS, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS DE WARREN TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 20 THAT AS FAR AS HE AWARE THERE WAS NO QUESTION BUT THAT AGREEMENTS WOULD CONTINUE IN FORCE BEYOND SEPTEMBER 1 LIBYAN- EGYPTIAN MERGER DATE. DE WARREN DID NOT MENTION ANY PARTICULAR CLAUSE IN AGREEMENTS BUT SAID IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT TUNIS AND LIBYA WOULD HAVE SIGNED MAJOR ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ONLY TWO MONTHS. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT SOME FORMAL ACT MIGHT BE REQUIRED AFTER MERGER DATE IN ORDER TO RECONFIRM VALIDITY OF AGREEMENTS. AS FAR AS GOF ABLE TO JUDGE, LIBYA WILL RETAIN CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF AUTONOMY EVEN AFTER MERGER. AS EXAMPLE, HE SAID, QADHAFI HAD TOLD ONE AFRICAN HEAD OF STATE RECENTLY THAT HE INTENDED TO MAKE STATE VISIT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR AND THAT MERGER WOULD NOT AFFECT THESE PLANS OR HIS

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